Schemes for the Welfare of Weaker Sections

1493. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various schemes which are existing at present for the welfare of weaker sections of society including scheduled castes and scheduled tribes;

(b) what is the total budgetary allocation on the above schemes for the year 1987-88 and how does it compare with the last three years;

(c) whether the budgetary allocations in this respect are fully utilised, if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(d) whether the agencies implementing the various schemes as in (a) above have (i) demanded more allocation of funds, (ii) proposed any new schemes, or (iii) suggested any changes on modification in the existing schemes, if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The Central Government has recognised only Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as weaker sections for the purpose of formulating schemes/programmes for their welfare and economic development. The existing schemes for the welfare of Scheduled Castes are Special Component Plan, Special Central Assistance to Special Component Plan and certain Centrally Sponsored schemes and schemes on the Central sector *viz.* Girls Hostels for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. Book Banks for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes students studying in Medical and Engineering Colleges, Pre-matric Scholarships for the children of those engaged in unclean occupations, coaching and allied schemes for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes candidates, aid to voluntary organisations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and research and training schemes for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Development Corporations, Post-matric Scholarships to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes students and implementation of PCR Act for Scheduled Castes.

As for Scheduled Tribes, in addition to the Centrally Sponsored schemes and schemes in the Central Sector mentioned in the above para, there are schemes such as Tribal Sub-Plan/Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan and the scheme under first proviso of Article 275(1) of the Constitution.

(b) and (c) Statements, I (*See* below) II [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 65], III (*See* below) and IV [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 66] are enclosed.

(d) Allocations under the Special Component Plan and Tribal Sub-Plan are made by the State Governments/UT Administrations. They have been repeatedly requested to enhance the flows out of their Annual Plans to Special Component Plan & Tribal Sub-Plan. There have been requests from some State Governments for increasing the provision of Special Central Assistance to Special Component Plan and Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan, and also under various other Centrally Sponsored Schemes. It has not been possible to accede to the requests due to resource constraint.

Statement-I

Schemes for the welfare of Weaker Sections showing outlay and expenditure on Special Component Plan including Special Central Assistance

(Rs. in crores)

	Outlay	Expenditure
1984-85 . .	1114·12	1024·28
1985-86 . .	1176·20	1134·96
1986-87 . .	1365·37	1305·84
		(Provisional)
1987-88 . .	1638.17	..

Statement-III

Schemes for the welfare of weaker sections, showing outlay and expenditure on Tribal Sub-Plan including Special Central Assistance

(Rs. in crores)

	Outlay	Expenditure
1984-85 . .	946·59	964·53
1985-86 . .	1081·58	1121·76
1986-87 . .	1344·71	1166·03 (Provisional)
1987-88 . .	1688·50	

Strike by the Junior Engineers/ Sectional Officers of CPWD

1494. DR. C. SILVERA:
SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to end the deadlock between the stricking CPWD Junior Engineers, Sectional Officers (horticulture) and Government;

(b) the number of meetings held by Government with the representatives of the Junior Engineers/Sectional Officers;

(c) what are the demands on which decision/settlement have since been reached; and

(d) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to settle the other demands especially the cadre review and revision of pay from Rs. 425/- to Rs. 700/- (old pay)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Mediatory efforts are on to resolve the present deadlock between the striking CPWD J.Es./Sectional Officers (Horticulture) and the Department.

(b) A large number of formal and informal meetings have been held with J.Es. Association from time to time at various levels. However there has been only one formal meeting with the CPWD J.Es' Association after, they went on strike from 14th July, 1987.

(c) and (d) The position regarding finalisation of major demands of JEs/ SO (Hort.) are given in the enclosed Statements I and II.

Statement-I

1. *Junior Engineers: Revision of Pay Scale of all Junior Engineers as Rs. 1640—2900 as against 2 scales of pay viz. Rs. 1400—2300—25 per cent and Rs. 1640—2900—75 per cent. (Their other demand of "No bifurcation of Cadre of Junior Engineers" is also related to this demand only):*

Government notification on the recommendations of the 4th Pay Commission had prescribed two scales of pay for JEs viz. (i) Rs. 1400—2300 (50 per cent of the total strength of Junior and Senior Scale) and (ii) Rs. 1640—2900 (50 per cent of the total strength of Junior and Senior Scale). CPWD Junior Engineers Association however continued agitation that all Junior Engineers should be in the higher scale. However after carefully consideration Government have decided that 75 per cent of the JEs posts may be kept in senior scale and 25 per cent posts in the junior scale.

2. Cadre Review:

(a) Cadre review of JEs has already carried out, as a result of which orders have been issued for creation of 559 new posts of Assistant Engineers in place of an equal number of Junior Engineers posts.

(b) Although under the Recruitment Rules, 50 per cent of the post of Assistant Engineer are required to be filled through a Limited Departmental Competitive Examination, a relaxa-